



# U.S. Embassy Georgetown

100 Young and Duke Streets, Kingston, Georgetown



## **2015 Youth Ambassadors Program: Caribbean** **Student Application**

**Instructions for completing this application:** Please fill out the application and answer all questions carefully and completely, in English. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting participants for this program. Semi-finalists will be contacted for an in-person or telephone interview.

**Student applicants must:**

- ✓ Be a citizen and live in Guyana
- ✓ Be between 15 and 18 years old attending a public high school
- ✓ Have a strong academic record
- ✓ Possess leadership potential and commitment to community service
- ✓ Demonstrate good initiative, communication skills, and a positive attitude
- ✓ Have the ability to work in a team and be respectful of the opinions of others
- ✓ Have little or no previous exposure to the U.S.

Please submit the following required documentation listed below, along with your application:

- A copy of your birth certificate
- A copy of your school registration and school record for 2013 – 2014
- Two references

Please submit applications by **April 30, 2015**

**Applications should be submitted to:**

Public Affairs Section  
U.S. Embassy Georgetown  
100 Young and Duke Streets  
Kingston, Georgetown

**OR**

Via E-mail to: [PDGeorge@state.gov](mailto:PDGeorge@state.gov)

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:**

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**There is no application fee.** The United States Government will pay for all costs to participate in the program, including international travel to and from the United States, orientations, visa fees, and the exchange activities in the United States, including meals and lodging.

# Youth Ambassadors Program: Caribbean

## Student Application

Paste or staple a  
recent passport-  
size photograph  
here

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family) First Middle

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence \_\_\_\_\_

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

### Parent/Guardian Information

**\*\*Your parent or guardian must sign the application at the end\*\***

#### Parent/Guardian 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent/Guardian 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

### Passport Information

Do you have a valid passport? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attached a copy of your passport

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Issuing Country \_\_\_\_\_

### Travel Information

Have you ever traveled to the United States or another country? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide a brief description of dates, length and nature of your stay(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Education and Activities

**\*\*Please attach your most recent transcript or academic record\*\***

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade \_\_\_\_\_ Year you will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

List other languages you have studied below.

Language \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years studied \_\_\_\_\_

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Academic subjects you are most interested in \_\_\_\_\_

Future studies and/or possible occupations you've considered \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all extracurricular activities you currently take part in (school clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, community service activities, leisure time activities), how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

**SHORT ESSAYS:** *Please respond to the following short essay questions in one paragraph*

Why do you want to participate in this program?

You will be required to do a community service project in a small group when you return home. Do you have an idea for a project that would improve your community?

In what ways are you an effective leader? Using two examples, describe how you are a leader in your school, community, or home.

During this exchange, participants will act as ambassadors for their countries. What qualities do you have that would help you fulfill this role?

### Participant Agreement/Parental Consent

I agree that all of the information in this application is true and I agree that if chosen to participate, I will participate in **ALL** program activities in the United States and my country, including the pre-departure orientation and follow-on activities. I also understand that I must remain with the program throughout the entire exchange and that personal travel within the United States during the program is not permitted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I permit my child to apply for and, if selected, to participate in this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **MEDIA CONSENT:** *Please sign the following statement to give permissions for photos and videos*

I consent to the use and/or reproduction of all photographs and video taken of, or including me, by the Department of State, including any agency, client, publication or other organization or institution in whole or in part, in all forms and media, for distribution to the general public for the purposes of publicity and promotion. I further consent to the reproduction or use of the photographs/information with or without my name, and consent that the Department of State may seek copyright of the photographs/information in their name.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM: Caribbean

### Reference

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Applicant:** Please submit two references with your application. The forms should be from a teacher or other adult outside your family who knows you well. The form must be completed in English. You may submit this form in paper with your application OR your reference can return the signed and completed form to:

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**For the person provoving reference:** The student named above is applying to take part in the Youth Ambassadors Program, a three-week exchange program in the United States for students and adult mentors. The selected students will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program

- ☐ I strongly recommend this student
- ☐ I recommend this student
- ☐ I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
- ☐ I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
- ☐ I do not recommend this student

How long, and in what context or capacity, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs improvement?

Please describe the applicant's behavior or attitude with respect to authority, peer relationships, responsibility, and work activities.

Do you think the applicant would adapt well to unfamiliar environments and new situations? Why or why not?

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_